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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application filed on even date.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the specification the following:

-- This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/565,536, filed May 5, 2000; which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/808,805, filed February 28, 1997. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 13, 19-22 and 28-31 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (520.35237VX3).

Respectfully submitted,

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